

Open Minutes
Missouri State Committee of Interpreters
August 8, 2000 – 1:30 p. m.
Division of Professional Registration
3605 Missouri Boulevard - Jefferson City, Missouri

At 1:41 p.m., the Missouri State Committee of Interpreters convened by telephone conference call at the Division of Professional Registration, 3605 Missouri Boulevard, Jefferson City, Missouri. Kimberly McEnulty, Chairperson called the meeting to order and Loree Kessler, Executive Director facilitated roll call for Betty Kramer, Secretary and Public Member

State Committee Members Present

Kimberly McEnulty, Chairperson
Betty Kramer, Public Member and Secretary (joined the call at 1:57 p.m.)
Sandy Drummond
Loretto Durham
Carrie McCray (participated in the conference call from the division)

Staff Present

Loree Kessler, Executive Director
Patty Herzing, Licensure Technician
Mark Schoon, Assistant Attorney General

Ms. McEnulty stated she would be voting in open and closed sessions.

A motion was made by Ms. Durham and seconded by Ms. McCray to approve the open session agenda adding a discussion regarding a newsletter, temporary permits and upcoming presentations. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Drummond and seconded by Ms. Durham to approve the open session minutes of the April 14, 2000 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

July 24, 2000 Meeting - Missouri Commission for the Deaf

Ms. Drummond provided an overview of the information shared at the MCD meeting on July 24th focusing on the proposed rules changes approved by the state committee. Dr. Miller requested that a member of the state committee meet with him, the Assistant Attorneys General for the respective committees and Ms. Kessler to further discuss the proposed amendments and general issues before the commission. Ms. Drummond accepted the invitation on behalf of the state committee. A motion was made by Ms. Drummond and seconded by Ms. McCray to schedule a meeting with the Dr. Miller, commission and BCI member and the Attorneys General to discuss the following topics, temporary permits, long range planning, and the certification level 1 & 2 expiration impact upon licensure. Motion carried unanimously. The state committee requested Ms. Drummond and Ms. Kessler attend this discussion.

Another topic of discussion during the MCD meeting was the shortage of interpreters in Missouri. Dr. Miller indicated this topic would be discussed with the BCI at the interpreter's convention in October.

Based on the information provided in Ms. Drummond's overview the state committee determined that further discussion is needed concerning the impact of the proposed rule and the 2003 skill level rule of the commission. A motion was made by Ms. Durham and seconded by Ms. Kramer to proceed with filing the amendments to the regulations dealing only with requiring current certification. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Schedule

The state committee will convene by conference call on September 19, 2000 at 1:30 p.m.

The state committee discussed the possibility of video conferencing. The executive director explained that the division is currently working on the installation of a video conferencing system and it would be available to all boards within the division. There is no specific time frame for the completion of the installation because construction will be required to house the video conferencing system. At this time, the cost for utilizing the system was not available as well. However, the state committee would be informed when the system was on line and available to use.

Newsletter

The state committee discussed the newsletter and need to have the information completed before the October interpreter's convention. Ms. Kessler indicated she had received the financial information necessary to include in the newsletter. Topics to be covered in the newsletter include operational costs and fees, difference between licensure committee and professional associations, and the rulemaking process.

Temporary Permits

This topic was discussed with the commission during the July 24th meeting. Previously, it was the state committee's understanding that temporary permits were not being issued. Dr. Miller stated at the meeting, that interpreters have been receiving temporary permits because of the schedule for the certification evaluation.

It was noted that the state committee had received copies of emails from a student in an interpreter-training program regarding the problem with scheduling an evaluation and being considered for employment.

Upcoming Presentations

- August 16, 2000 St Louis Special School District. Licensure update facilitated by Sandy Drummond (if available), Loretto Durham (Ms. Durham will need to check her schedule), Carrie McCray and Loree Kessler. The executive director was asked to obtain specifics regarding the location and time of the presentation.
- October 28, 2000 Presentation at State Interpreters Convention. Information has been submitted to the commission office requesting a time for a state committee licensure update.
- St. Louis Forum has no official date set at this time. Ms. Drummond will coordinate the activity with the executive director to obtain several dates. The forum is normally scheduled from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. More details may be available at the next conference call.

At 2:45 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Drummond and seconded by Ms. Kramer to convene in closed session pursuant to motions to close section 610.021 subsection (14) and 620.010.14 subsection (7) RSMo for the purpose of discussing investigative reports and/or complaints and/or audits and applicants for licensure and/or other information pertaining to the licensee or applicant and, section 610.021 subsection (1) RSMo for the purpose of discussing general legal actions, causes of action or litigation and any confidential or privileged communications between this agency and its attorney and for the purpose of reviewing and approving closed meeting minutes of one or more previous meetings under the subsections of 610.021 which authorized this agency to go into closed session during those meetings. State committee members voting aye; Ms. McEnulty, Ms. Drummond, Ms. Durham, Ms. McCray, and Ms. Kramer. Motion carried unanimously.

At 4:14 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Kramer and seconded by Ms. Durham to convene in open session. State committee members voting aye; Ms. McEnulty, Ms. Drummond, Ms. Durham, Ms. McCray, and Ms. Kramer. Motion carried unanimously.

At 4:15 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Kramer and seconded by Ms. Durham to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director

Approved by State Committee on September 29, 2000